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Jay P. Douglas Executive Director Virginia Board of Nursing 6603 West Broad Street Richmond, VA 23230-1712

RE: Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners 18VAC90-30-10 et seq.

Dear Ms. Douglas:

I have reviewed the Emergency Regulations, as cited above, in accordance with the Administrative Process Act. The amended regulations are constitutional and in conformity with statutory provisions of Chapter 750 of the 2006 Acts of the Assembly, which required the promulgation of regulations for the practice of certified nurse midwives.

The "emergency situation" which exists is specified in §2.2-4011 of the Code of Virginia as one in which the agency is required by statutory law to have a regulation in effect within 280 days from the enactment of the law. Having satisfied all legal requirements, you may proceed to take the necessary steps to promulgate this emergency regulation in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act.

Sincerely,

Howard M. Casway Assistant Attorney General

c: Elaine J. Yeatts, Agency Regulatory Coordinator Department of Health Professions